

Appl. No. 09/831,610
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REMARKS

After entry of the above-presented amendments Claims 1, 3-17 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of original Claim 2. Support for this amendment is found, at least in the original claims. The examiner indicates that this amendment would result in an allowable claim.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to films made out of a thermoplastic material, that also comprises a combination of 1) at least one organic anti-UV compound, 2) at least one inorganic anti-UV compound, and 3) at least one chemical binder for improved solubility of the organic compound in said thermoplastic material.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102(e) Over Bonora

Claims 1, 3, 9, 10, 13, 15, and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,977,218, issued to Bonora on November 2, 1999. (Hereinafter referred to as "Bonora".) Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as applied to the amended claims. Applicants submit that Bonora does not teach the thermoplastic films comprising an organic anti-UV compound, an inorganic anti-UV compound, and a binder as required by amended independent Claim 1. Therefore Bonora cannot be found to anticipate the amended claims and the §102(e) rejection should be withdrawn in light of the above-presented amendments.

Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a) Over Bonora in view of Knoerzer

Claims 4-8, 14 and 16 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonora in view of U.S. Patent Number 5,391,609, issued to Knoerzer et al. on February 21, 1995. (Hereinafter referred to as "Knoerzer".) Applicants also respectfully traverse this rejection as applied to the amended claims. Applicants submit that the combined teachings of Bonora and Knoerzer does not establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness because it does not teach or suggest all of limitations of amended Claim 1. Specifically, the combined teaching of Bonora and Knoerzer does not teach the thermoplastic films comprising an organic anti-UV compound, an inorganic anti-UV compound, and a binder as required by amended independent Claim 1.

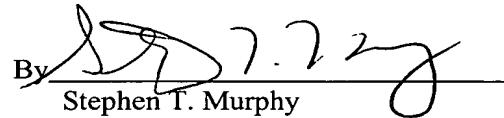
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Therefore, Applicants' content that the claimed invention is unobvious and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the presented amendment and the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(3) and 103(a). Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1 and 3 - 17.

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